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## COUNTY AGENT IS WELL PLEASED WITH SIGN-UP CAMPAIGN.

During the past two weeks Coffee County has had special aid sent here by the Alabama Farm Bureau to solicit membership to the new seven year marketing agreement and due to the new changes the contract has met with high favor and practically all old members signed and a lot of farmers that did not join under the old contract have signed the new. The chief changes in the new contracts are:

1. You are allowed the privilege to withdraw any year of the contract that you become dissatisfied.
2. You may pool any amount of your crop.
3. The dues are \$5.00 per year instead of \$10.00.

The farmers who bought their fertilizer thru the bureau this year are feeling mighty good now that they have gotten a nice rebate bringing the price of fertilizer down to a price that the farmer can afford to pay.

As a result of the recent campaign we have 233 members of the farm bureau constituting around 9,000 bales of cotton. Coffee County has a lot of good farmers who have not been seen yet and that should be members and we hope to get them as members in the near future. If you have not signed the new contract yet, you can find contracts at the office of the county agent and you should by all means take a little time to get on the right road and sign up.

Every additional member will make the organization just a little stronger and in making the organization stronger it is able to help the farmer just that much more.

## PLANT FEED FOR DAIRY COWS

We all know that diversification in the method of farming is the greatest step that can be made in enabling the farmer to pool and hold his cotton so that he can get a price sufficient to pay him for growing it. We are now trying to promote dairying as a sideline so there will be a little income twelve months of the year from cream produced from the cow, the skim milk being fed to the pigs. But the first step to dairying is to produce feed and every farmer who means to do any dairying should first be sure he has enough corn, peas, soy beans and velvet beans planted to take care of the needs of all cows he expects to have this winter. It is not too late to plant these things yet if you do not have enough already.

W. M. Ray, County Agent.

## DON'T MISS SEEING—NORMA TALMADGE

in her very latest picture "K I K I" at The Elba Theatre next MONDAY and TUESDAY JUNE 6th and 7th Shows at 8:00 and 9:45 each night.

## MR. AND MRS. FLOWERS ENTERTAIN.

Mr. and Mrs. Hinton Flowers entertained their Club Thursday evening at their lovely apartment on Buford St. Baskets of the seasons most beautiful flowers, tastily arranged were used for decorations. After the games the hostess served a delicious ice course.

Mr. and Mrs. Flowers' guests were only the Club members which includes: Mr. and Mrs. Sam Rowe, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Maddox and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Whitman.

Miss Lillian Rowe will go to Troy the first of this week to attend the state Normal.

We keep in stock at all times "Prest-O-Lite" Batteries. We also repair and charge batteries. Star Auto Company.

## JUDGE CARNLEY GIVES A BRIEF REVIEW OF ROAD WORK IN COUNTY.

(By J. A. Carnley.)

Coffee County is not a pioneer County in road building. The old system never contemplated more than the establishment and maintenance of public roads; and by establishment and opening of public roads and maintenance by working of hands liable to road duty ten days in the year. Under a change of the law in 1915, Courts of Commissioners are permitted to accept a per capita road tax not exceeding ten dollars in lieu of ten days work. In Coffee prior to the year of 1923 no construction work was undertaken on county roads, excepting, of course, the expenditure of \$100,000.00 received from the sale of road and bridge bonds authorized in 1912. With no system of road construction, and road maintenance, no permanent benefits have been realized from the \$100,000.00 of road bonds.

From the State the County received some small appropriations for road building, and two small stretches of road were graded with this state aid. Later this state aid was matched with federal aid, and the county appropriated one-fourth for the building of a State and Federal aid road from Elba towards Troy. This was before the State authorized the sale of \$25,000,000 of road bonds. With State bond money and Federal aid, the highway from Elba by New Brockton, Enterprise and to the County line towards Georgia was constructed, and this road was completed in May, 1923, the county bearing no share of the expense.

The County contracted the construction of the Elba-Troy highway and was paid by the State and Federal governments, thus saving to the County the one-fourth of the total cost. Mules and road equipment were purchased by the County to build this road, but after its completion the mules were let out for their feed and the road equipment dissipated. There were seven teams of these mules, an all tractor and grader, and in August, 1923, these were assembled and road work began with a small crew on the Elba-Victoria road, and in October of the same year a second crew was out to work at Kinross and proceeded towards Elba, these two mule crews doing most of the construction of the 39 miles extending from the Pike line on the Brundidge road to the town of Kingston near the Geneva line, a part of this road being constructed, however, by the caterpillar tractor and big grading machine.

**Road Machinery Purchased.** A new era in road building and maintenance began in February of 1924 when the Court of County Commissioners purchased a ten ton Holt Caterpillar tractor and number 12 Adams grader. Work started at Keyton between Enterprise and Dale county, and, although it was at first some what of an experiment, free demonstration by Yancey Brothers proved the new outfit a marvelous success, and seven miles of a fine graded road soon connected the city of Enterprise with County Line.

From the beginning of road work with the caterpillar tractor, the Court of County Commissioners have had the co-operation of the people in giving rights of way and pulling the trees and stumps and moving fences and even houses without charge to the county. This unusual unheard of co-operation has marked the continuous progress of Coffee's road work. No other county in Alabama can claim such voluntary aid and co-operation of the people, and this has contributed to the great progress

## REVIVAL WILL BEGIN AT BAPTIST CHURCH SECOND SUNDAY.

Beginning the second Sunday in June the Elba Baptist Church will hold a revival meeting. Rev. P. C. Barkley of Lakeland, Fla., a former pastor here will do the preaching. He is said to be fine.

Mr. I. J. Fry of Atlanta will lead the song service after the first four days.

Pastor Mahan asks that all churches and individuals of Elba and community assist all they can in these meetings and make them a great blessing to all concerned.

made, breaking all records and totaling to this date over four hundred miles of graded roads in the County.

The County has purchased four ten-ton caterpillar tractors, four Fordson tractors, five tractor graders, four mule graders, two Wehr graders, a crawler maintainer, a Russell Road Finisher, and a 30 Best tractor for maintenance work, besides many, many drag scrapers, wheeler scrapers, plows, mules, harness and general road supplies, running in cost upwards of \$60,000.00. This road work began in 1924, and we have now done about three and one half years of real, hard, honest-to-goodness road work in the County.

**Some Handicaps.** Without great difficulty nothing worth while is ever accomplished, and this has been true in our road work during this administration. One of the handicaps of a small county is the lack of funds. Much must of necessity be accomplished with small outlay of road funds.

It must be remembered that during the winter and spring of 1923 and 1924 big rains and unusual high waters washed down and wrecked numerous wooden bridges. These had to be repaired and rebuilt, and the annual average of available road and bridge funds in the county was \$21,500. New bridges were constructed. Seven and one-half car loads of sewer pipes were purchased, totaling upwards of \$15,000. Four steel bridges were erected, totaling a cost of \$12,000. The road progress in grading new roads entailed an outlay of large sums for small bridges and sewers constructed of lumber at high prices. The lumber purchased for bridges and sewers during the last two years have borne most heavily upon the county, and the financial strain has continually hampered and handicapped the county.

**Gasoline Funds.** Two mule crews and four and five tractor crews have drawn heavily on the gasoline taxes, and repair parts for tractors and graders and the purchase of gasoline and oils have been cared for out of the gas tax coming to Coffee, oats and hay for 24 mules. It has been no easy task to stay within the County's income and keep the work on a cash basis.

For the past few months the program of work, road, bridge and sewer, has grown beyond our ability to pay promptly and notwithstanding all this we have as yet maintained the finest county credit. No warrants have been discounted. There are now some claims outstanding which must be paid if the credit is maintained.

**Why Take Any Vacation.** To those who may not fully appreciate the fact that the credit of the county, once deemed, must not be maintained and preserved, it would seem but foolish to take a rest, a vacation. But to those of information, it is a necessity to suspend all road work, except one mule team, for a few days, until the county convicts (until the finances and machinery may be renewed and the road and bridge work re-organized and carried forward in some systematic manner. Coffee can now claim more miles of graded

## New Brockton News

By Miss Alpha Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Dismuke and children, Glennie, Mary and Francis spent Sunday with relatives near Brundidge. Mr. and Mrs. Hart and daughter, Mary Alice and Katherine also Miss Bonnie Bagley spent Sunday in Columbus.

Misses Mary Alice Hart, Cassie Fayett and Estelle Sawyer returned home Friday from Troy where they have been students at the Troy Normal.

Rev. M. T. Moore spent Friday and Saturday in Montgomery.

Mr. Bartlett Engram returned home Friday from Birmingham, where he has been a student at Birmingham Southern.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Dismuke and daughter Glennie also Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Sawyer visited friends in Graceville and Chipley, Florida, Wednesday.

Misses Della Mae and Stella H. Moore returned home Friday from Womans College.

Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Russell spent Sunday in Dothan.

Miss Alpha Moore returned home Sunday, after spending several weeks with friends in Georgia. Messrs W. T. Stain of Garland, Eugene Dean of Birmingham and Miss Gladys Dean of Georgia accompanied her home.

Mr. and Mrs. I. A. Bowden of Pleasant Ridge spent Saturday night with Mrs. G. M. Fleming.

Mr. W. H. Ward left Monday for Florida where he will spend several days fishing.

Mrs. G. M. Fleming, Rev. J. H. Fussell, J. C. Crumpler and Caz Bradshaw spent Thursday in Dothan and Cottonwood.

Dr. and Mrs. Albert Fussell spent Monday in Montgomery.

Miss Jim Roberts and Miss Izabelle Roberts and Jim R. Bell of Louisville also Mrs. Tommie Daugherty of Clayton are the guests of Dr. and Mrs. D. J. Bass this week.

Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Fleming spent Monday with the latter's mother and father. Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Jeffcoat of Opp.

The fifth Sunday Singing was held Sunday afternoon at the Baptist Church with one of the best song services they have ever had. A large crowd attended.

Commencement sermon was delivered Sunday at 11 a. m. by Dr. H. E. Bass of the First Baptist Church, Dothan at the Methodist Church here. During the services beautiful songs were rendered by our most talented singers.

The Senior Play, "Mammy's Little World Rose" was presented Monday night at the N. B. H. Auditorium to a large audience.

## CARD OF THANKS.

To each and every one who so kindly and sweetly aided and assisted us in the sickness and death of our dear husband and son, Clarence Bryan, we wish to extend our sincere thanks and gratitude for your every act of sympathy and kindness. We assure you, dear hearts, those tokens of love and friendship will never be forgotten. For the beautiful floral offerings we especially feel grateful. May God bless you, Mrs. Clarence Bryan.

Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Talbot.

ed roads more bridges built and maintained during the past three and one half years than any neighboring county, and three months from now this will still be true and we must be pardoned for this seemingly boast, but truly we are proud of these accomplishments in our road and bridge work.

## NEW HOME DEMONSTRATION AGENT ARRIVED LAST WEEK.

Miss Annie C. Broughton, Coffee's new Home Demonstration Agent, arrived last week and has already assumed her duties. Miss Broughton has had quite a bit of experience in this work and comes to the county very highly recommended.

Miss Grace James, who has been in the work in the county resigned effective June 1st and will leave today for her home. During her stay here she has made many friends throughout the county who will regret her leaving.

The home demonstration work in the county has grown steadily and is of inestimable value to our people. It is hoped that the people will continue to co-operate in this work.

## PAVED STREETS OPENED UP SATURDAY.

Elba's newly paved streets were all opened up to traffic on last Saturday afternoon, and motorists are now enjoying a smooth ride for several blocks and on the square.

A small wreck occurred on Monday afternoon on Simmons street where the Troy highway intersects, when two Fords ran together and were slightly smashed. The occupants were only slightly injured.

Now that the streets are paved, motorists will naturally speed 'em up, but every driver should be very careful especially at street intersections and on corners, and thus avoid serious and perhaps fatal injury to some man, woman or child. Stop signs should be provided and motorists would then be compelled to heed.

## MRS. KENDRICK ENTERTAINS.

The Willing Workers had their fifth Monday social Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. J. W. Kendrick.

The living room was decorated with wicker baskets of brown-eyed-susans and ferns. The program for the meeting was:

Devotional—Mrs. T. C. Mahan.

Vocal Duet—Misses Bonnie Wise and Madeline Strain.

Reading—Mrs. J. W. Kendrick.

Piano Solo—Madeline Strain.

Reading—Huey Cason.

Talk—Rev. T. C. Mahan.

Each member brought a lemon and donated to the treasury as many pennies as her lemon contained seeds. This feature of the meeting afforded much fun. Lemonade was made of the lemons and served to the guests by Miss Fannie Harper, Bonnie Wise and Madeline Strain.

Mrs. Frank Rainer enrolled as a member of the Willing Workers on this occasion.

## NOTICE

I am prepared to teach a limited number of pupils in the elementary grades for the next few weeks. If your child has some work to be made up, see me at once.

Mary Ella Boazman.

## DR. COLLEY WILL PREACH HERE SUNDAY.

Dr. J. O. Colley, of the Baptist Orphanage at Troy, will preach at the Elba Baptist Church on next Sunday morning at the 11:00 o'clock hour. The pastor, Rev. T. C. Mahan will preach at the evening hour.

LOST. Navy blue umbrella, in courthouse last Friday. Finder please return to Mae Reeves Maddox, and receive reward.

Miss Gedie Rowe is visiting her sister, Mrs. Chaney in Hartford this week.

Rev. T. C. Mahan leaves this week for Slocumb where he will conduct a ten day revival work.

## FIRST COTTON BLOOMS OF SEASON WERE RECEIVED SATURDAY.

The first cotton blooms for the year were received by The Clipper on last Saturday. Mr. R. C. Bunk, Elba Route 3, and Mr. Jack Sutley also living on Route 3, brought blooms on Saturday.

On Monday Mr. W. W. Padgett, Elba Route 1, brought 2 blooms from his field. Tuesday Mr. Johnnie Whitehurst, living on the Fountain Lee farm sent us a small boll.

The first cotton bloom received by the Clipper last year came in on June 14, two weeks later than the first for the present year.

## MRS. HARRIS ENTERTAINS

The Methodist W. M. S. met Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Clara Harris with Mrs. Jack Mays, Mrs. Corrie Bryant and Mrs. Harris as joint hostesses. This was a social meeting and the following program was given:

Bible Lesson—Mrs. D. C. Marley.

Duet—Rev. and Mrs. Williams.

Dovell Memorial—Mrs. Williams.

Duet—Mrs. J. G. Wyroschied and Mrs. R. L. Cooper.

Special Report of Children's Work—Mrs. Jack Lee.

Talk: Why We Should Give Special Attention to the Training of Childhood in our Christian Work—Mrs. Maxa Fortner.

Song: I'll Be a Sunbeam—Mary Williams, Emma Marzaret Cooper, Totsye Rhodes, and Myrtle Farris.

As the guests arrived Mrs. Fannie Jones served punch from a beautifully appointed table. After the program brick cream and cake were served. 20 members were present.

## SEVEN SHAPE SINGING CONVENTION AT VICTORIA.

The Seven Shape Singing Convention will be held at Victoria on the second Sunday in June, 1927. Dinner will be served on the ground. All invited singers are especially urged to come and enjoy a great day.

—By request.

## SPECIAL NOTICE

Every Sacred Harp Singer is especially invited to come to Elba Sunday evening at 2 o'clock as we are expecting to have the best Singing of the Season, so come early.

D. C. Marley Chairman.

Mr. and Mrs. Murray Fancher and little son of Colemar Alabama came to Elba Sunday to visit relatives. Mrs. Fancher and son will make an extended visit.

Misses Nan Marley, Totsye Byrd and Elizabeth Rowe returned home from Montgomery last week where they have been attending Woman's College.

Misses Mary Marsh and Viola Byrd, who have been students of Ala college at Montevallo have returned home for the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hudson, Robert and Mary Pope Byrd returned home Saturday, after a visit to Dr. and Mrs. C. C. McIntyre, at Columbia.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Kendrick and little daughter were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Brock in New Brockton Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Bonneau and family visited relatives in Greenville Thursday, and Friday.

Mr. J. M. Garrett Jr. who has been a student of A. P. I. at Auburn is at home for a few days.

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